

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, The Space Day global celebration on the first Thursday in May is the culminating event for the year-round educational initiative of the Space Day Foundation, Inc., and is supported by Space Day Partners who represent educational, professional, trade associations, youth organizations, corporations, and governmental agencies; and,

*Whereas*, The Space Day educational initiative encourages people of all ages from around the world to advance science, math, technology and engineering education; and,

*Whereas*, Space Day events and activities are held to inspire future generations to continue the vision of our space pioneers, and also to celebrate the extraordinary achievements, benefits, and opportunities in the exploration and use of space; and,

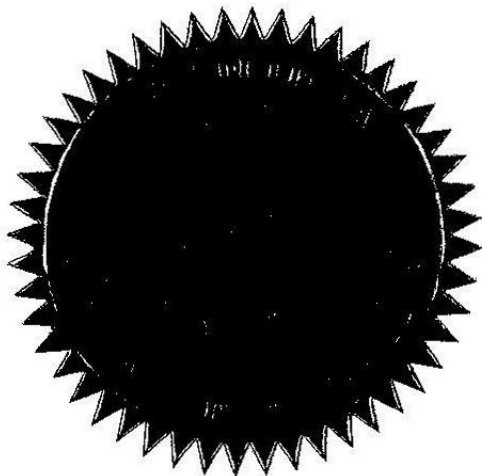
*Whereas*, The state of South Dakota will join with other organizations in conducting Space Day programs that educate and communicate the excitement and importance of space in our lives:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2003, as

## *SPACE DAY*

in South Dakota.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.



*M. Michael Rounds*

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

*Chris Nelson*

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State